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Services

Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Personal Injury, Transportation,

Al is a litigation associate in Burr & Forman's Birmingham Office, where his practice is devoted to serving clients on a broad range of legal issues directly affecting the transportation, maritime, logistics, and manufacturing industries.

Mr. Teel litigates a variety of disputes including those involving catastrophic injury, wrongful death, commercial motor vehicle accidents, products liability, premises liability, Carmack Amendment claims, property damage, insurance coverage, and employment-related claims. He regularly represents Class I and short-line railroads in suits brought under the Federal Employers' Liability Act, FRSA whistleblower claims, trespasser injuries, property damage claims, and other third-party injuries. He also specializes in regulatory compliance for trucking companies under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and for issues affecting the rapidly evolving logistics industry.

Al's personable and enthusiastic approach to litigation has made him a favorite within the firm and with clients. He was chosen as an inaugural member of the Birmingham Business Alliance's "On Board Birmingham" as one of the city's leaders in the young professional arena and was inducted into Birmingham's Rotaract Club. He has also been selected to serve as president-elect for the Young Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association. He is an active member of the Transportation Lawyers Association, where he serves on the Technology & Social Media Committee, the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, and a graduate of the NARTC's College of Railroad Trial Advocacy

Publications

- U.S. DOT to Release Important Potential Changes to Hours of Service Regulations, Including Hitting the Pause Button
- SCOTUS Denial of Petition in Railroad Fuel Tax Lawsuit Could Have Major Impact
- Burr Alert: Eleventh Circuit Issues Important Carmack Amendment Opinion for Logistics and Transportation Companies

- Burr Alert: Fourth Circuit Holds that Federal Courts Have Concurrent Jurisdiction with Surface Transportation Board over ICCTA Claims
- Burr Alert: FMCSA ELD Mandate is Here, but Will Have Grace Period

Education

J.D., Cumberland School of Law, Samford University
B.A., *cum laude*, University of Alabama

Licensed In

Alabama, Georgia

Honors & Awards

- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Transportation/Maritime (2019)

Professional Associations

Birmingham Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section: President-elect (2020), Executive Board (2017-present)
Phi Alpha Delta, Cumberland
Elected to Serve on Executive Committee for Young Lawyers Section of Birmingham Bar Association (2018)
State Bar of Georgia

Community Involvement

Vice-President, Cumberland Public Interest & Community Service Organization

Experience

- Obtained defense verdict for Class I railroad in jury trial in Colbert County, Alabama on FELA hearing loss claim
- Obtained major victory in winning summary judgment in favor of transportation client and driver on claims for wantonness (dismissing punitive damages), negligent hiring and training, and negligent entrustment
- Drafted appellate and amicus briefs for the Supreme Court of Alabama and Alabama Court of Civil Appeals on FELA claims
- Obtained defense verdict in bench trial in favor of premises owner on negligence, wantonness, and AEMLD claims
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of premises owner on sealed package doctrine
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of premises owner in slip and fall case
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of Class I railroad on borrowed servant doctrine
- Obtained dismissal for parent company of major short-line railroad company
- Litigated numerous cases on behalf of employers and co-employees facing negligence, wantonness, AEMLD, anti-retaliation whistleblower, and workers' compensation claims

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